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## The Deutschlandstipendium

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The Deutschlandstipendium supports talented and high-performing students of all subjects at state and state-recognized universities in Germany. This scholarship awards students with outstanding grades, a high level of social engagement, and a record of exceptional personal achievement – such as the experience of having overcome significant personal or educational obstacles. The scholarship will be awarded without consideration to the applicant’s financial situation, i.e., her or his earned income or level of financial support from third parties, such as parents or relatives.

## The scholarship at EUF

Students at Europa-Universität Flensburg have first been invited to apply for the Deutschlandstipendium in the Fall Semester 2018/19.

The scholarship of 300 euros per month is aimed at students who can demonstrate outstanding grades in school and university plus significant achievements either before or during their university studies, and who are either socially committed (e.g., through volunteer work) or else face or have overcome personal, familial or economic challenges. The funding period is two semesters.

Scholarship terms and conditions (in German) and answers to frequently asked questions can be found in the FAQ section.

## How it works

The Deutschlandstipendium is modeled after the principle of public-private partnership: Businesses, foundations or private individuals sponsor young talent with a financial stipend of 150 euros per month. The German federal Government matches this amount with another 150 euros per month.



Fundraising, eligibility requirements, selection of scholarship recipients, and award disbursement are handled directly by participating universities throughout Germany.

Applicants must meet the requirements set forth by the universities to which they apply.

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## Application

Currently applications are closed.

The next round of applications will be open from May 2020, the next funding period is autumn semester 2020/2021 and spring semester 2021.

## Contact

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## Information

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## Facts and Figures



Current numbers (Source: BMBF)

You apply for the Deutschlandstipendium via an online form. To get access to the form, you must first set up an application account. This allows you to access the application form at any time so that you do not have to fill it out during a session. Your data will be stored in your application account until the online application is completed.

#### **How long does it take to complete the online application form?**

The online application form is relatively comprehensive. You will need about half an hour to complete and send the form, if you have already prepared all relevant documents (matriculation certificate, Transcript of Records, etc.) as PDFs. Which documents you need can be found in the FAQs below.

#### **What is the purpose of the Deutschlandstipendium?**

The Deutschlandstipendium offers highly talented and committed students a reliable additional source of financing for one year. Besides excellent academic performance, the scholarship also requires social engagement.

The financial award for each student is 300 euros per month, of which 150 euros is paid by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, and 150 euros by private donors and companies, foundations, associations, alumni, or private individuals.

The scholarship is for students of all nationalities, regardless of their other income or their parents' incomes, and is not used in BAföG (Federal Training Assistance Act) (or international BAföG) calculations.

#### **Who can apply?**

All students enrolled at Europa-Universität Flensburg can apply. Only doctoral or PhD students, exchange students and guest students are excluded from the Deutschlandstipendium.

#### **How many scholarships are granted during each round of applications?**

The number of available scholarships depends on the amount of funding and changes from year to year. This number is published at the beginning of each application period.

#### **Can international students apply?**

Yes, students of any nationality are welcome to apply for the Deutschlandstipendium if they are or will be enrolled at Europa-Universität Flensburg at the beginning of the award period. Exchange students, PhD students, guest students and participants in preparatory programs (e.g. ProRef) are not eligible for funding.

#### **Can applicants for a university study also apply for a scholarship?**

Yes, university applicants can also apply for the Deutschlandstipendium. The scholarship can be awarded if applicants are or will be enrolled at Europa-Universität Flensburg at the beginning of the award period.

#### **Can incoming exchange students also apply?**

No, the Deutschlandstipendium cannot be awarded to incoming exchange students.

#### **Can guest students also apply?**

No, the Deutschlandstipendium cannot be awarded to guest students.

#### **Can participants in preparatory programs (e.g. ProRef) also apply for the Deutschlandstipendium?**

No, the Deutschlandstipendium cannot be awarded to participants in preparatory programs (e.g. ProRef).

#### **Can PhD students also apply?**

No, the Deutschlandstipendium cannot be awarded to PhD students.

#### **Can students in second degree or postgraduate programs apply for**

<p><b>a Deutschlandstipendium?</b></p> <p>Yes, students in second degree or postgraduate programs can also apply for a Deutschlandstipendium.</p>
<p><b>I am just about to finish my studies. Can I apply anyway?</b></p> <p>Yes, you can apply for the Deutschlandstipendium at any point during your studies. However, applicants should still be within the standard period of study. Students who have exceeded the standard period of study are eligible if the reason for the protraction was serious.</p>
<p><b>I have gone beyond the standard period of study. Can I still apply for the scholarship?</b></p> <p>Yes, if a serious reason has led to the protraction of the standard period of study. According to § 7 StipG, this includes disability, pregnancy, the care and upbringing of a child or a subject-related stay abroad.</p>
<p><b>Do I have to pay back the scholarship after my studies?</b></p> <p>No, you do not need to pay back the scholarship.</p>
<p><b>How long is the scholarship period?</b></p> <p>The scholarship period is generally two semesters and is based on the standard period of study of the respective study program. An extension is possible on request.</p>
<p><b>How often is the Deutschlandstipendium awarded?</b></p> <p>The Deutschlandstipendium at Europa-Universität Flensburg is awarded annually at the beginning of the Fall Semester. It has first been awarded in the Fall Semester 2018/19.</p>
<p><b>What happens if a student takes a semester off or studies abroad?</b></p> <p>The payment of the scholarship is suspended during the student's leave of absence. The scholarship period might be adjusted upon notification when the student resumes study after the leave.</p> <p>If the student is studying abroad, the payment of the scholarship continues during that time.</p>
<p><b>I'm in an practical semester (Praxissemester) next semester. Can I still be supported?</b></p> <p>Yes, you can also be supported by the Deutschlandstipendium during the practical semester.</p>
<p><b>I'm completing my Bachelor's studies in Flensburg or at another university. Can I still apply for a Deutschlandstipendium at the Europa-Universität Flensburg?</b></p> <p>You can apply for a Deutschlandstipendium if you start studying at Europa-Universität Flensburg in the coming fall semester. If you do not have your Bachelor's or matriculation certificate at the time of your application, you can submit it later.</p>
<p><b>Is it possible to receive simultaneous scholarships?</b></p> <p>Anyone receiving aptitude- or performance-based financial support of 30 euros or more per month cannot receive additional funding of the Deutschlandstipendium. An overview of various scholarships that are compatible with or preclude rewards of the Deutschlandstipendium can be found <a href="#">here</a> (in German only).</p>
<p><b>What are the selection criteria?</b></p> <p>The selection criteria include outstanding achievements at school or university, other criteria such as long-term voluntary work, special personal or family circumstances, internships, special successes, awards and prizes. The selection is made by a scholarship selection committee (see also the guidelines).</p>
<p><b>How do I proof of my accomplishments?</b></p>

You can prove your academic achievements by uploading your certificates and your current Transcript of Records via the upload function at the end of the online application form. You can also prove your voluntary commitment by uploading relevant proofs.

#### **Do foreign certificates require anything additional?**

To apply for the Deutschlandstipendium you need a copy of the foreign university entrance qualification/ Bachelor's degree certificate and a certified translation (except for certificates in English) in English or German. The translation is usually prepared by a certified translator.

#### **What average grade do I need to apply for the Deutschlandstipendium?**

A base value of 2,3 is planned to be the lowest grade accepted. The base value can be improved through proven social commitment, etc.

#### **Can letters of recommendation be submitted?**

A letter of recommendation can serve as proof of special achievements and activities. They will be considered in the selection procedure if they are written in relation to the Deutschlandstipendium. However, you will not suffer any disadvantage if you do not upload a letter of recommendation.

#### **What requirements must be met for the "study-related achievements and activities" criterion?**

Special study-related (preparatory or study-accompanying) achievements include successful participation in preparatory programs (e.g. ProRef), study stays at foreign universities, internships or study-accompanying activities (e.g. as a student assistant), completed vocational training or professional activities and/or special successes (e.g. prizes and scholarships). These achievements must be relevant to the studies.

Special voluntary activities include regular participation in social, political or religious organizations, institutions, groups or bodies within or outside the university over a period of at least six months. In doing so, these organizations, institutions, groups and committees must commit themselves to the free democratic basic order of the Federal Republic of Germany (in accordance with the Grundgesetz, Art. 21, para. 2).

#### **What requirements must be met for the "special challenges" criterion?**

Special personal challenges include disabilities, chronic illnesses and/or breaks in one's own educational biography (e.g. a refugee Background). Special family challenges include caring for one's own child/children, especially as a single parent, caring for a close relative in need of care at least with care level 2 and/or a so-called "educationally disadvantaged" parental background (both parents without a school leaving certificate). Particular economic challenges lie in economic need, especially in the form of social hardship.

#### **How is "economic need" defined?**

Applicants and students are considered economically needy if their effective monthly net income during the funding period is below a maximum amount based on the BAföG maximum rate. They are subject to social hardship if their effective monthly net income during the funding period is particularly far below a maximum amount based on the BAföG maximum rate.

For students at universities, academies and higher technical colleges, the BAföG maximum rate is currently 735 euros.

There is no economic need if applicants or students have assets of their own that exceed the BAföG exemption limit (7.500 euros). Assets are understood to mean capital, money and tangible assets.

The information on the income and wealth situation must be substantiated by appropriate evidence. If this is not possible, the correctness and completeness of the information must be assured under oath.

Applicants and students who receive a Deutschlandstipendium must

<p>inform the scholarship commission immediately of any changes in their income and financial Situation.</p>
<p><b>Can the scholarship be combined with BAföG?</b></p> <p>Yes, BAföG and Deutschlandstipendium are two complementary programs. Students can generally take advantage of both funding opportunities at the same time without any deductions. Crediting only takes place if a total amount corresponding to a monthly average of 300 euros is exceeded due to the simultaneous receipt of other scholarships.</p>
<p><b>I am currently in my first semester (Bachelor's/ Master's) and do not have any course or examination certificates yet. What do I state as my average grade?</b></p> <p>Applicants for a Bachelor's or Master's degree program and students in their first semester apply with their previous final grade. For Bachelor students this is the average of their university entrance qualifications; for Master students this is the average grade of the Bachelor's degree. These are scored at 100% in the respective case.</p>
<p><b>Will I receive confirmation on the status of the application and selection process?</b></p> <p>Yes, every applicant will be notified after the selection process is complete.</p>
<p><b>When will applicants receive a reply on their application?</b></p> <p>Feedback will be given as soon as possible. The first payment is already planned for September. If there is a deviation from this schedule, we will inform you of any changes.</p>
<p><b>How will applicants receive an answer? What if my address changes?</b></p> <p>Students will only receive confirmations and cancellations by e-mail to their student e-mail address at the Europa-Universität Flensburg.</p>
<p><b>Can students whose applications have been rejected apply again?</b></p> <p>Yes.</p>
<p><b>When is the scholarship paid out?</b></p> <p>It is planned to make the first payment in September, so that you can use the scholarship at the beginning of the Fall Semester. However, retroactive payment is also possible if decisions are taken later than planned.</p>
<p><b>How is the scholarship paid out?</b></p> <p>The scholarship is paid monthly. A one-time payment of the total amount is not possible.</p>
<p><b>Do students need to speak German or have a certification of their German skills to apply, and what academic requirements must I fulfill as an international student?</b></p> <p>There are no German-speaking abilities or language certificates required. The requirements are a university entrance qualification (high school diploma) and valid enrollment at Europa-Universität Flensburg.</p>
<p><b>Does the Deutschlandstipendium include social insurance contributionis?</b></p> <p>There are no social insurance contributions payable through the Deutschlandstipendium. But you can use your scholarship e.g. to pay for your insurance.</p>
<p><b>What documents do I need to hand in with the application?</b></p> <p>For a complete application you need to hand in the following documents:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Certificate of matriculation for the current semester</li> <li>(2) for enrolled Bachelor and Master students: Proof of study and</li> </ol>

examination achievements to date (transcript of records)

(3) for applicants for a Bachelor's degree program or Bachelor's students: Certificate of higher education entrance qualification,

(4) for applicants for a Master's program or Master's students: Bachelor's degree certificate

(5) Proof of special study-related achievements

(6) Evidence of special voluntary activities

(7) Evidence and information on particular personal, family-related or economic challenges

(8) Curriculum vitae in table form

(9) Signed application agreement.

We recommend to prepare the documents as PDF so that you can upload them directly while filling in the online application form.

#### **Where do I send my documents?**

You upload all documents and certificates via the upload function on the application page for the Deutschlandstipendium.

#### **Do I need translated documents?**

You can hand in your documents in German and in English. Other languages must be officially translated likewise copies of your diplomas and other documents.

#### **I will start my Master's degree in the next semester, but I do not yet have a Bachelor's degree yet (or not all credits and grades). How do I apply?**

Since you do not have your Bachelor's degree yet, i.e. you are still a Bachelor student, please complete the section "For Bachelor Students" in the online application form. Please indicate on your status page that you will be in the first semester of your Master's program and that you have earned 0 credits in this program so far. In the field "What is your current average grade", please enter your current grade cut for your Bachelor's degree and upload your actual ToR and your matriculation certificate. These details and documents will provide the scholarship committee with all relevant information to calculate your underlying value for the application. Please also include all information on your university entrance qualification.